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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Becker et al.**

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**For: Method and Apparatus for
Building Commercial Distributed
Computing Networks Via Computer
Cost Subsidization**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.